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1. SHORT FOLLOWUP MEETING TO THAT REPORTED OUR REFTEL
HELD THIS MORNING BY SECGEN VAN LENNEP, AT WHICH
MAINTENANCE OF HLG MEETING AS SCHEDULED WAS CONFIRMED.

2. MOST DELEGATION HEADS REFRAINED FROM COMMENTS OF
SUBSTANCE. GERMAN AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, SAID THAT IN
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BONN THERE WAS HOPE THAT THE DISCUSSION AT THIS MEETING

WOULD BE AS CONCRETE AS POSSIBLE AND COULD RESULT IN SOME DECISION, SUCH AS ACTIVATION OF IIAB FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION PURPOSES. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THE MINIMUM PUBLICITY POSSIBLE, TO WHICH SECGEN RELIED THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND SOMEWHAT ON OUTCOME OF MEETING AND THAT PRESS BRIEFING BY ELDIN AFTER OCTOBER 25 MEETING HAD YIELDED VERY ACCURATE PRESS TREATMENT.

3. SECRETARIAT STATED THAT INFORMATION ASSEMBLED BY CHAIRMAN WANSINK FROM OIL COMPANIES, WHICH WOULD BE REPORTED AT HLG AND OIL COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK, INDICATES THAT EUROPEAN OIL SUPPLIES UP TO 15 NOVEMBER RUNNING AT 15-20 PERCENT REDUCTION AND AFTER 15 NOVEMBER ABOUT 25 PERCENT REDUCTION. STOCKS FOR EUROPE AS WHOLE ABOUT 75 DAYS. FOR U.S., IMPORTS DOWN ABOUT 3 MILLION B/D, EQUIVALENT TO 17 PERCENT. SECRETARIAT REMARKED THAT CHAIRMAN MAY SUGGEST ADOPTION OF 1967 REPORTING SCHEME.

4. AT REQUEST OF WANSINK AND SECGEN, NETH AMBASSADOR HOLDING WORKING DINNER MONDAY EVENING TO WHICH HE INVITES ARMSTRONG. HE HOPES THAT ARMSTRONG'S DEPARTURE PLANS CAN BE ALTERED TO PERMIT HIS ATTENDANCE.

5. COMMENT. SECRETARIAT REGARDS CHANGE IN GERMAN ATTITUDE AS FAVORABLE TO ACTIVATION OF IIAB, BUT FRENCH SO FAR REMAIN IN OPPOSITION.
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